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J. C. Zhao et al

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Diffusion Barrier Coatings, and For

Related Articles and Processes

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please enter the following amendment to the application, and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 41-47, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims, as follows:

(amended)

A barrier coating material, comprising: